Rapid, Precise, and Economical Analysis of Data from the Southern California Integrated GPS Network

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The number of permanently operating precision GPS receivers in the Southern California Integrated GPS Network (SCIGN) has increased dramatically in the past year to several dozen; the number is expected to increase to hundreds within a few years or less.

A prototype system to process all of these data, accurately, rapidly, and economically, has been in operation since May 1995. The system consists of three independent components: (1) automated analysis of data from a global network of precision GPS receivers, within 1 day of data retrieval, to determine precise GPS satellite ephemerides and clocks; (2) automated analysis of data from SCIGN sites, within 1 day of data retrieval or 1 day of results from (1), whichever occurs later; and (3) presentation of the results.

The system has negligible ongoing labor costs and provides few-mm horizontal and 1-cm vertical precision in absolute coor dinates. Data from more than 1 ()() sites are routinely analyzed every day.

A description of the system's components will be presented, togeth er with a discussion of the steps required to reduce the turn-around time from a few a systom few hours.

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